Application to Offer an Accelerated Master’s Program

Originating Department: _______________________________________________________________

Submitted by: ____________________________________ Date Submitted: _____________________

Program
On behalf of the Department/School of _____________________________, we request permission to implement an Accelerated Master’s Program in _____________________________. Exceptional undergraduate UNC Charlotte students enrolled in certain undergraduate programs, as noted below, may be accepted into the Master of ____________ in _____________________________. and begin work toward a graduate degree before completion of the baccalaureate degree as stipulated below.

Goal
The goal of the Accelerated Master’s Program is to recruit academically talented high school students to graduate programs at the University, and to support them through to graduation.

Mechanism
Students will begin graduate coursework in their senior year, although they will be mentored throughout their baccalaureate program. The Accelerated Master’s Program will allow students to complete the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree in less time than pursuing them singularly, and the two degrees will be awarded simultaneously after successful completion of all program requirements. Students will be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies upon completing the requirements for both the bachelor’s and the master’s degrees.

This Accelerated Master’s Program may also be accelerated in which up to ___ hours (no more than 12) earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours. In other words, up to ___ hours of graduate work may be “double counted” toward both the baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

Please attach a degree map/program outline of the Accelerated Master’s Program curriculum (the bachelor’s and master’s programs) to this request. If courses are accelerated and count toward the undergraduate degree, the Department Chair/School Director of the undergraduate program must also support this request. A separate degree map/program outline must be provided for each undergraduate program of study that can align with the graduate program.

Application and Admission Requirements
Students may be considered for admission to the Accelerated Master’s Program while enrolled in high school if they have a minimum GPA>=3.75 (on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum score of 1700 on the SAT. Students indicate on the freshman application for admission that they wish to be considered for admission to the Accelerated Master’s Program, and the Undergraduate Admissions Office shares the record with the Graduate School (who shares it with the Graduate Program Director). If admitted, the student will receive one letter of admission to the baccalaureate and graduate program from the
Undergraduate Director of Admissions and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Enrollment will be based on program capacity, and certain programs may have more stringent admission policies or application deadlines.

**Continuing Enrollment Requirements**
Students must:
- maintain a strong academic record at the undergraduate and graduate levels, respectively (Cumulative GPA >= 3.0)
- maintain the minimum GPA or they will be placed on probation (from the graduate program) after the first semester of enrollment in the Accelerated Master’s Program and will be dismissed from the graduate program at the end of the second semester
- meet all deadlines for licensure (if relevant) and graduation
- exhibit stellar performance in all field experiences, research, and coursework

**Financial Aid and Tuition**
Students may:
- be considered for undergraduate financial aid and funding prior to completion of 121 semester hours of undergraduate credit
- be considered for graduate financial assistance after completion of 120 semester hours of undergraduate credit
- be charged graduate tuition and fees after completion of all baccalaureate courses, generally beginning in the fifth year of study

**Support**
The academic program is expected to engage students continuously throughout their undergraduate and graduate programs. Towards this end, the following advising, mentoring, research, and financial support will be provided to participants in the Accelerated Master’s Program:

- Advising:
- Mentoring:
- Research:
- Financial:

**Program Approval**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date Received</th>
<th>Date Considered</th>
<th>Date Forwarded</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Signature</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Graduate Program Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Department Chair/School Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Graduate Dean</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Application Submission**
Please submit this Accelerated Master’s Program application to: Dr. Thomas Reynolds, Dean of the Graduate School, 210 Cato Hall.